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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, BQG, AKB
SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR PRESS STATEMENT ON HUEBNER CASE

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1. FRENCH BONN GROUP REP (RICHARD) INFORMS US THAT HE HAS CONSULTED HIS AMBASSADOR (WHO IS NOW IN BERLIN) ABOUT THE SUBJECT AND THAT THE FRENCH, LOCALLY AND IN BERLIN, WILL OPPOSE THE UK PROPOSAL FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

A) THIS IS A QUADRIPARTITE MATTER AND WE SHOULD NOT INVOLVE THE SENAT.

B) THERE IS LITTLE TIME TO PREPARE THE STATEMENT BEFORE THE COMMANDANTS' MEETING WITH STOBBE.

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C) IT WOULD APPEAR STRANGE THAT THE ALLIES ARE COMMENTING PUBLICLY ON THE MATTER AT THIS STAGE, WHEN THE MATTER IS ALREADY SEVERAL WEEKS OLD.

D) TO COMMENT PUBLICLY ON THIS CASE AND NOT ON THE THOUSANDS OF OTHERS WHERE EAST BERLINERS HAVE BEEN DRAFTED WOULD APPEAR THAT WE WERE RESPONDING TO PRESS

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PUBLICITY.

2. THE FRENCH THEREFORE, AT LEAST LOCALLY AND IN BERLIN, STILL PREFER A DEMARCHE TO THE SOVIETS. RICHARD SAID THAT THE INITIAL, NOT FINAL, VIEW OF THE QUAI IS CONSISTENT WITH THE VIEWS EXPRESSED ABOVE.

3. COMMENT: THIS MATTER WILL PRESUMABLY RETURN TO THE BONN GROUP NEXT WEEK, A MEETING OF WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 19. WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE USBER'S VIEWS AND A REPORT ON THE DISCUSSIONS IN BERLIN.
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